

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming in December

27-30 Exposure Youth Camp

31 Family Day

YOUR SPACE

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Name of Person(s) Making this Request:

PLEASE PLACE PRAYER REQUESTS IN THE OFFERING PLATE

PRAYER LIST

Al Adcock
 Buddy Allen
 Jacqueline Anderson
 Andrew Anderson
 Emma Baker
 Jake Born
 Faye Brown
 Evelyn Brown
 Rodney Brown
 Valdeese Brown
 Charles Burks
 Thelma Chambers
 Anne Clark
 Clint Cooper
 Jan Coulon
 Wileen Crawford
 JC Davidson
 Kathy Dennington
 Roma Dupree
 Jeff Fikes
 Charles Fikes
 James Francis
 Charlotte Fulks
 Dollie Graves
 Joe Graves
 Linda Guill
 Betty Harper
 Ruby Harrell
 Beverly Hixon
 Tom Holland
 Catherine House
 Shirley Johnson
 Olen Lewis
 Charles Mahan
 Irene Mapp
 Wayne Mullins
 Ceci Mullins
 Dawn Robinson
 Carl Segura
 Bernadine Senegal
 Tootsi Shepard
 Bernice Smith
 Ronnie Smith
 JoAnn Turner
 Kathleen Yates
 Jack Zorn

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
 SUNDAY 9:30AM

MORNING WORSHIP
 SUNDAY 10:30AM

EVENING WORSHIP
 SUNDAY 5PM

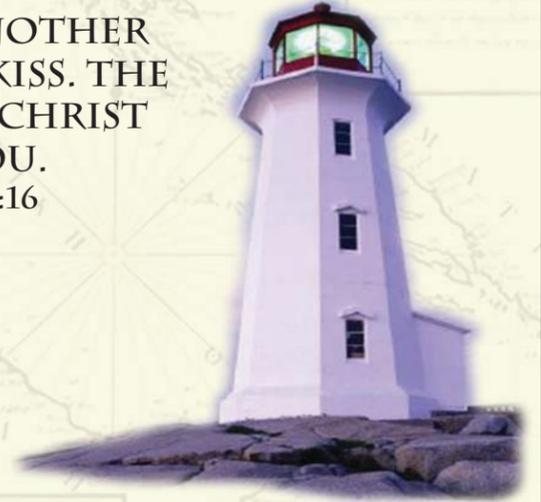
LADIES BIBLE CLASS
 TUESDAY 10AM SEPT-MAY

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
 7PM

CONYERS CHURCH OF CHRIST
 1410 FLAT SHOALS ROAD
 CONYERS, GEORGIA 30013

THE CONYERS BEACON

SALUTE ONE ANOTHER WITH AN HOLY KISS. THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU.
 ROMANS 16:16



A LOCAL CHURCH WITH A GLOBAL MISSION

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24, 2017

	AM	PM
SONG DIRECTOR	Jim West	Jim West
OPENING PRAYER	Tom Johnson	Bernard Austin
LORD'S TABLE	Johnathan Young - David Holbrook Bruce Haynes - Jayce Lovern	Bruce Haynes
SCRIPTURE READING	Dion Williams Matthew 28:1-6	Garrett Yates Romans 10:1-4
SERMON	Jeff Johnson	Jeff Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kirk Mahan	Kirk Mahan
CLOSING PRAYER	Raoul Saunders	Walter Norman
USHER1	Buck Howell	Buck Howell
USHER2	Chris Lovern	Chris Lovern
AUDIO	Austin Massey	Austin Massey

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

USHER	Chris Lovern
WELCOME / PRAYER	Milford Segura
SONG LEADER	Jim West
DEVOTIONAL	Don Graves
AUDIO	Austin Massey

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us ”

Luke 1:76-78

VISION!

At The Conyers church of Christ
 We want to go to heaven!
 We will get there by:
 Obeying the Gospel call;
 Worshiping in a Scriptural Manner;
 Evangelizing our world;
 and Helping our members grow as Christians

BEAMS



“What is in a Name”

The website “Dictionary.com” defines the word “Name” in this fashion.

1. A word or a combination of words by which a person, place, or thing, a body or class, or any object of thought is designated, called, or known.
2. Mere designation, as distinguished from fact: He was a king in name only.
3. An appellation, title, or epithet, applied descriptively, in honor, abuse, etc.
4. A reputation of a particular kind given by common opinion: to protect one’s good name. .
5. A distinguished, famous, or great reputation; fame: to make a name for oneself.
6. A widely known or famous person; celebrity: She’s a name in show business.
7. An unpleasant or derogatory appellation or expression: Don’t call your brother names! Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me.
8. A personal or family name as exercising influence or bringing distinction: With that name they can get a loan at any bank in town.
9. A body of persons grouped under one name, as a family or clan.
10. The verbal or other symbolic representation of a thing, event, property, relation, or concept.
11. (*initial capital letter*) a symbol or vehicle of divinity: to take the Name in vain; the power of the Name.

So what is in a name? A name distinguishes and identifies the object to which it is applied. Is the name on the Church door important?

Jesus said the church belongs to Him according to Matthew 16:18. Since the church is not man-made and Jesus is God, would it be fair to say that God would give us the name or names that identify His people? The Bible does give us such identifying names.

We find 79 verses that refer the “church”. The word “church” is translated from a word that means “the called out.” Among these verses we find names for those who are “called out.”

The first place we find an identifying name for the church is found in Acts 20:28. There the church is simply “of God”. This tells us to Whom the church belongs. We find similar identifications in several passages (1 Corinthians 1:2 and 10:32, 11:16,22, 15:9, 2 Corinthians 1:1, Galatians 1:13, 1 Timothy 3:5 & 15, 1 Thessalonians 2:14, 2 Thessalonians 1:4). 1 Thessalonians 1:1 is addressed to the church of the Thessalonians “which are in God” as well as 2 Thessalonians 1:1 that includes “and the Lord Jesus Christ.” In addition to Thessalonica we find God’s people being identified by location. (1 Corinthians 16:19, 2 Corinthians 8:1, Galatians 1:2,22, Colossians 4:15-16, 2 Timothy 4:22, Titus 3:15, Philemon 1:2, 1 Peter 5:13, Revelation 2:1,8,12 & 3:1,7,14) Within the context we find each location referred to as a group who are common in belief making them brethren in God. The writer to the Hebrews addresses the “assembly of the firstborn” referring to those who belong to firstborn of God. These people who belong to God are practicing the same doctrine. Paul calls to correction those who begin to wander into division by writing to the Corinthians, (1 Corinthians 1:10-18). Paul also points out that God is not the “author of confusion” (1 Corinthians 14:33), therefore unity is possible.

Paul pulls this idea together as he is inspired to scribe Romans chapter 16. Here many are named to be greeted as brothers and sisters. Verse 16 tells us that all these are greeted by the “churches of Christ.” The individuals who make up the churches are referred to as Christians (Acts 11:26).

This indicates to us that a name indicating a creed, practice or physical power is not authorized by God’s word. These names are man-made and such churches belong to men rather than to God. These man-made churches often use the Bible as a guide but have included in practice their own writing in a creed, statement of faith or manual. If these writings add to God’s word or remove from God’s word they are ignoring prohibition of such (Deuteronomy 12:32, Revelation 22:18-19).

According to God’s word, two names surface commonly in reference to the church. First, “The church of God” and second, “The church of Christ”. Being that Christ was God in man, these are synonymous.

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FACE 2 FACE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Evelyn Brown – was taken to Piedmont downtown after a fall and admitted for evaluation. She is at home resting. Keep her and Val in your prayers.

Announcements and Activities

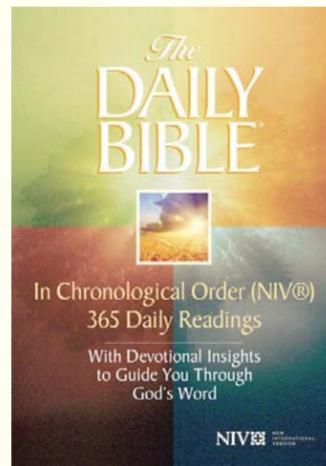
Ladies’ Annual Ornament Swap – January 6, 2018 at 10:00 am
Ladies, the annual ornament swap and brunch has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 6th at 10 AM at the home of Gayle Allen. Bring your favorite brunch dish and one wrapped ornament to exchange. Directions to the Allen’s home are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

“What is in a Name” *continued*

Just because the right name is used, does not mean a church is practicing the correct form of doctrine of which Paul wrote. Many churches today call themselves a “Church of God” and yet practice things that are foreign to the scriptures. This practice is so common in our society that most who practice New Testament Christianity as God prescribes call themselves “churches of Christ.”

In conclusion we find that God has provided us with names for the church and individuals. Even still, someone can use a name as authentic and be counterfeit. We will examine this idea in another study, “The Authenticity of the Church”.

Jeff Johnson



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OUR YOUTH

Exposure Youth Camp
December 27 - 30, 2017

Fees of \$150 are due now

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Fruit

AREA ACTIVITIES

3-Day Apologetics Seminar
January 5-7, 2018

Buford church of Christ
Speaker: Kyle Butt

Schedule

January 5 - 7:00 pm
“The Case for Creation”

January 6 - 1 - 4 pm
“The Problem of the Dinosaurs?”
“Theistic Evolution”
Tools for Defending the Faith

January 7 - 9 and 10 am
“Fruits of Atheism”
“Protecting Our Children’s Faith”

Lithia Springs church of Christ
January 13-14, 2018

Quick-Start Weekend
Speaker: John Deberry

Schedule

Saturday - 2 pm
Sunday
10:00 - Bible Class
11:00 - Worship
2:00 - Afternoon Service

Great Smoky Mountain
Marriage Retreat
A Great Marriage in 20 Words

Sponsored by:
Jacksonville church of Christ

February 14-18, 2018

Guest Speakers:
B.J. Clarke
Melvin Otey
Dan Winkler

Cost: \$50 per couple
Early Bird: \$40 per couple

RSVP by 01/15/2018 at
www.smokymountainmarriage.com

See flyer on board for schedule of classes and lodging information

Save the Date!
March 17, 2018

Ladies’ Day
Fayetteville church of Christ

“Brave”

Am I Brave Enough to be Godly in an Ungodly World?

Speaker: Debbie Kea

OUR LEADERSHIP

Elders

Daron CHeney
Greg Holmes

Deacons

Bernard Austin
Korey Dickens
Anthony Dilligard
Jim Fulmer
Bruce Haynes
Tyrone Holden
Kirk Mahan
Micheal Yates

Evangelist

Jeff Johnson